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Commander's Corner

Soldiers, Family and Friends of "The Deuce":

The beginning of June marked the sixth month of our deployment, and with the closing days of June we draw very near the seven month mark. The Soldiers of the 502d continue to work hard every day supporting the Soldiers and civilians of the 4th Infantry Division and all those within the Multi-National Division - Baghdad area of responsibility. We all look forward to completing our mission with honor and returning home to our families and friends once again.

As always, the beginning of a month means promotions. This month, several Soldiers received well-deserved promotions on the first of June:

SPC Nitique Williams, SPC Christopher Gilliam, and SPC Danny Jones.

Congratulations to our promotees.

The 502d PSB continues to lead the 4th Infantry Division in the percentage of reenlistments attained. This month, five more Soldiers made the decision to reenlist and extend their service to the Army and our nation, assisted by our hard-charging and hardworking Bn Reenlistment NCO, SGT Boyd. The reenlisting Soldiers were: SPC Rosa Arreguin, SPC Shemeka Brown, SPC John Matysik, SGT Lakeshia Ross, and SGT Emanuel Nixon.

Most received a substantial and tax free reenlistment bonus

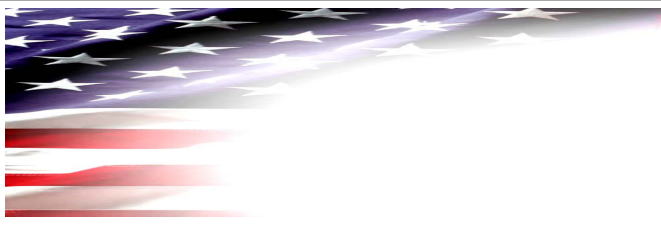
June has also brought an increase in the heat, as cool days are now around 110 degrees and the warmest has been 125. Soldiers continue to Soldier on, and everyone increases their water intake, which leaders monitor, and are alert for the slightest symptom of dehydration or heat injury. We are fortunate to have refrigeration and a/c systems, though! The D Detachment at Fort Carson inactivated this month, in preparation for the Army's Personnel Services Delivery Redesign (PSDR). We wish all our Delta Det Soldiers well as they move on to their next units and duty stations. The rest of the Battalion will face the inactivation and PSDR challenge in the spring of 2007....after returning from the deployment, reintegration training, and some well deserved block leave.

Please keep the letters and care packages flowing. A note, a card, or a gift from home means so much to the deployed Soldier. And of course, a little taste of home goes a long way to improving morale as well....hint: chocolate chip cookies are my favorite!

"The Best Supports the Best"
MAJ Blaine T. Radenz

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CSM Corner

Greetings to all the friends and family members of the deuce battalion. I'd like to express my deepest gratitude to all of you for your endless support to the Battalion. The month of June was a busy one for all of us. For those of you at home, you are preparing for the summer break and for those of us out of the country, we are starting our redeployment process. We are indeed at our midway point. In a few weeks, we will have a midway battalion celebration; our version of 4th of July in Iraq.

For a lot of you, all you know of Iraq is what is being shown by the news media. I'd like to share some pictures of what we see on a daily basis. The point here is that we do see some good things out here. Hope you enjoy the pictures and as always, take care of yourself and be safe.

Thank you,
CSM Divina Bobb



AERIAL VIEW OF A SUBURB IN BAGHDAD



**HHD****VIPERS**

• FRG POC'S for the Viper Family
FRG Leader:
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FRG Advisor:
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• Viper Birthday's:

**SGT PLOKHOVSKYY,
VITALIY**



TO FAMILY & FRIENDS

Things are flowing along as well as can be. Just beyond the halfway point in this deployment, we are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. The journey is long, yet we fight on. One of major challenges now deals with the extreme heat. As the heat continually rises between 100 & 125 degrees, we find ourselves relying on one another to ensure check for signs of dehydration and perhaps even more serious illnesses such as Heat Stroke. I will tell you that these remarkable Soldiers your "Loved Ones" have made a pack to care for each other that will last a lifetime. My hat's off to the entire Viper Family.

•Miscellaneous:

Now you can view what is going on in the battalion anytime by logging on <http://www.hood.army.mil/4ID/> Click on "Units" then "502d PSB". The website is continuously updated with the latest information that will assist family and friends with upcoming events.

PAST EVENTS: **JUN 06'**

• Viper Promotions

SPC CONTENT, JASON

On 1 Jun 06 the Viper Family had the privilege of promoting one of our stellar Soldiers and great Americans.



As always, in closing, **REMEMBER** your continued Love, Care and Concern is an inspiration to each and every Soldier

THANK YOU.

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**God Speed,
CPT Whittington**



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RENEGADES

We are happy to have another month completed, as that means we are that much closer to coming home. Having grown up in Texas, I was sure I knew what HOT was...I was wrong. With the average temperature hovering at 120 degrees here, it feels as if you have just walked into an oven when you go outside. We are definitely looking forward to getting home, where it's cool!

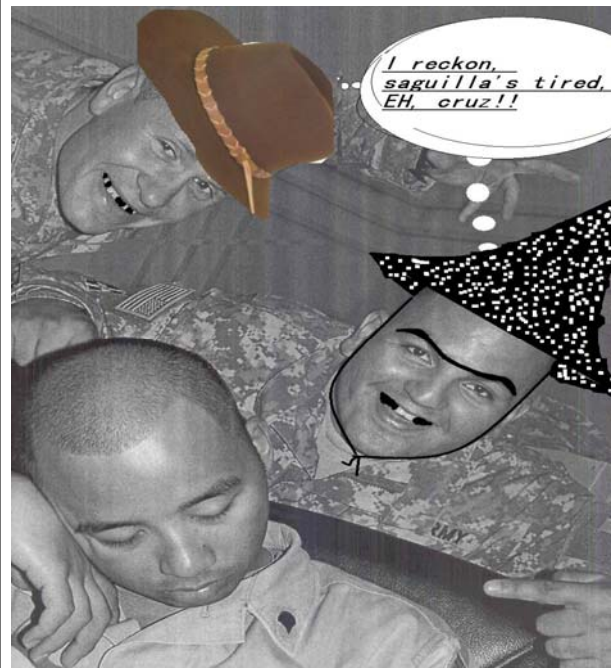


Nitique Williams (above, center) was promoted to Specialist. Congratulations go out to her, as well as to Specialist Carlos Cruz, who earned the "Soldier of the Quarter" title, when he bested the competition at the 6 June board. He will compete for "Soldier of the Year" this fall.

As a morale booster, this month we incorporated a Civilian Hat Day at the office. Private First Class Julie Burns (above, right) was enthusiastic about participating. She even convinced



Sergeant Salahundin Muhammad (above) to improvise, because he forgot his hat!

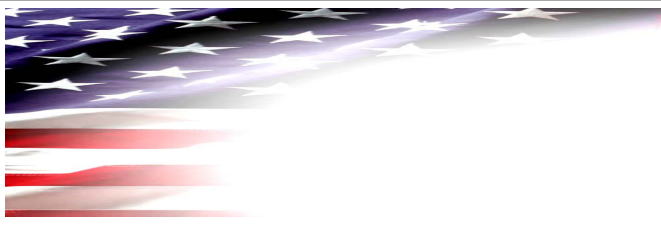


Specialist Teddy Saguilla, taking a break from the "combat stress", was fortunate Specialists Warner and Cruz did not have easy access to shaving cream and finger-nail polish!

Y'all have a great 4th of July!!

God bless.

CPT Hope Use'



BRAVO BULLDOGS



• **FRG POC'S for the Bulldog Family**
FRG Advisor: Robin Lane, Patty Cisneros
FRG Leader: SGT John, Junior
www.bulldogs.photosite.com

CDR COMMENTS:

The month of June has been a great month for the Bulldogs. We had re-enlistments, passed out coins and certificates and other great recognitions. I continue to thank the families for supporting the Soldiers!

Birthdays: JUNE BABIES

SPC EATA - 6 JUNE
SSG CREWS - 30 JUNE
SGT BOLDEN- 24 JUNE
SGT NIXON - 12 JUNE

*P. T.
AWARDEES*



REENLISTMENTS



SPC Jones Certificate of Achievement





• **FRG POC'S for the Outlawz Family**

FRG Advisor: Sabina Galan

FRG Leader: SGT James

• **Birthday Announcements:**

SGT BUSKILL
ANDREW HOLSTON

17 JUN
20 JUN



Anniversaries:

SPC AMEY

2 JUN (1 YR)



ARIEL VIEW
OF THE POOL
AT SADDAM'S
PALACE IN
BAGHDAD

CAN YOU READ
THE WRITING
ON THE WALL



ARIEL VIEW OF THE
SADDAM'S PALACE
IN BAGHDAD

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T ENJOYING
THE VIEW OF
THE PALACE



A CONGRATULATIONS GOES OUT TO SPC ARREGUIN FOR RE-ENLISTING FOR FOUR YEARS WITH AN OPTION OF STATION OF CHOICE.



A CONGRATS GOES OUT TO CHIEF FRITZT, SFC BARNES, SSG BISHOP AND SPC ARREGUIN FOR RECEIVING A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION FOR SCORING 270 AND ABOVE ON THE APFT. SC BARNES, SSG BISHOP AND SPC ARREGUIN ALSO RECEIVED A BATTALION COIN AND THE PATCH OF EXCELLENCE FOR SCORING 290 AND ABOVE WITH 90 IN EACH EVENT. A CONGRATS ALSO GOES TO SPC HOLSTON AND SPC TORRES FOR SCORING 270 AND ABOVE (NOT PICTURED).



kids only

Did you know that the **oldest construction in North America is right here in Texas?** More than 13,000 years ago, ancient Clovis people built a stone floor in a muddy rock shelter to make it a more comfortable living space.

(Who wants to camp in the mud?) They probably covered the new floor with layers of leaves and animal skins to make it softer. Archeologists found the floor buried under layers and layers of dirt in Kincaid Rockshelter near Llveldo

